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SUBJ: SHIPPING: PROPOSED LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN
SHIPPING VENTURE

REF: MEXICO 3395 AND PREVIOUS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 21, FLOMERCA PRESIDENT MAR-

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TINEZ DEL ROSAL GAVE CREDIT TO GOG VICE FOREIGN MINISTER
(AND GOG DELEGATE TO RECENT NAMUCAR PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN

MEXICO) OBIOLS FOR DECISION BY PREPARATORY
CONFERENCE TO PUSH SAN JOSE MEETING BACK TO MAY 25 FROM MAY 5.
MARTINEZ DECLARED THAT GOG RESENTED GOM ATTEMPTS FORMALIZE NAMUCAR
PRIOR TO MEETING OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ACCORDING TO MARTINEZ,
IF NAMUCAR HAD BEEN FORMALLY ESTABLISHED MAY 5 AS ORIGINALLY
PLANNED, OBVIOUSLY WITH THE INCLUSION OF CUBA, GOM WOULD HAVE
USED FACT IN OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ARGUE THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST
CUBA HAD ALREADY BEEN DROPPED ON DE FACTO BASIS.

2. WITH REGARD TO GOG POSITION ON NAMUCAR ITSELF, MARTINEZ DE-
CLARED THAT AS OF TODAY THE GOG IS OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION.
FLOMERCA, THE STATE OWNED SHIPPING LINE, SEES NO ADVANTAGE TO IT-
SELF FROM PARTICIPATION SINCE ITS TRADE IS OVERWHELMINGLY WITH
THE US.

3. COMMENT: MARTINEZ' STATEMENT RE GOG CURRENT POSITION DOES
NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT GOG WILL NOT ATTEND SAN JOSE MEETING
OR REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN NAMUCAR. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH
EMBOFF, FLOMERCA ADVISOR REIDEL (WHO WAS AT MEXICO MEETING) IM-
PLIED THAT GOG IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM GOM AND WILL PROBABLY
HAVE TO DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE. IF THEY REACH THAT PROBABLY DE-
CISION, HOWEVER, THE GUATEMALANS WILL PROBABLY ALSO DECIDE TO
PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN LIMITING SCOPE OF NAMUCAR AND
MINIMIZING POLITICAL OVERTONES.
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